

REGISTRUM MONASTERII S. MARIE DE CAMBUSKENNETH

A.D. 1147 - 1535.

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ILLUSTRATIONS

IN THE CARTULARY OF CAMBUSKENNETH.


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Registrum Monasterij de Cambuskenneth

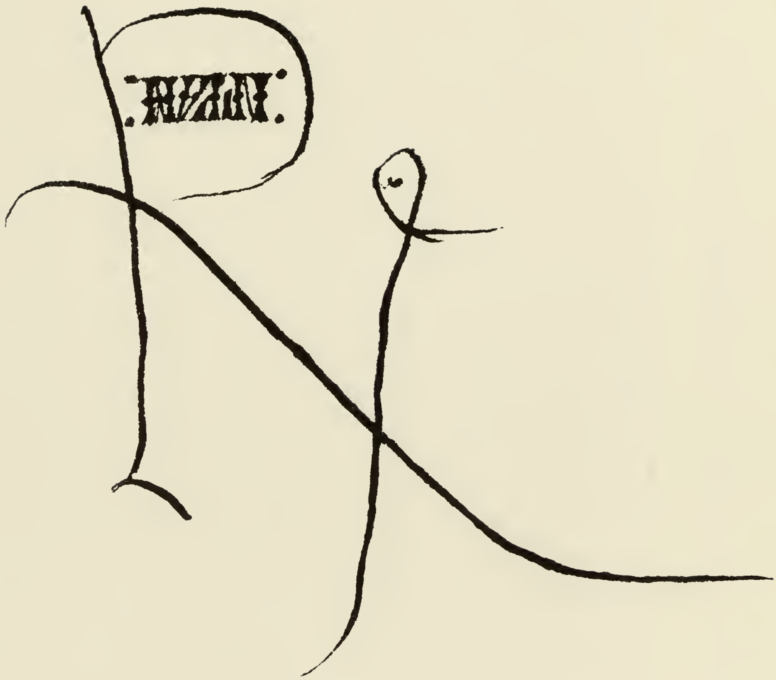
Iacobus dei gratia Rex Scotorum Uni-
versis et singulis ad quorum notitias presentes littere per-
venerint salutem Quia per supplicationem coram do-
minis nostri consilii dominis porrectam pro parte venerabilis in
Christo patris et consiliarii nostri dilecti alexandri abbatis
monasterij nostri de cambuskynneth confessus etiam
nostri quam sessionem vocant presidentis et conventus
eiusdem monasterij expositum erat quod Carte et evidentie ipsis
pertinentes et in dicto nostro monasterio hactenus asservate quod
situm est in loco aquoso ex humore et aeris rubigine iam
quasi et terra membrane sigillis ac caracteribus absumpte
sunt et brevi penitus consumentur Non sine ipsorum abbatis
et conventus maximo et Irremediabili detrimento nisi
statim eis de remedio succurratur Quare rogaverunt
dicti abbas et conventus quatenus huiusmodi sue carte et evi-
dentie cum nostre auctoritatis interpositione autentice in
formam libri pergameno scripti sub manuali subscriptione
eiusdem nostri consilij et registri clerici vnacum nostri sigilli ap-
pensione transsumerentur copiarentur et transscriberentur
Quamquidem supplicationem prefati nostri consilij domini
Iustam et rationi consonam reputantes ex eorum decreto
ordinaverunt edictum in valvis pretorij nostri edinburgensis
quarto die mensis instantis Julij affigi debere ad citandum
seu submoniendum Omnes et singulos interesse habentes
seu habere putantes Ad comparendum coram eis in dicto
nostro pretorio vicesimoquarto die mensis Julij predicti hora
causarum ad videndum et audiendum omnes et singulas
cartas et evidentias dicti nostri monasterij in formam li-
bri manuali subscriptione dicti nostri consilij et registri
clerici transsumendas esse copiandas et transscribendas
vnacum magni nostri sigilli appensione sic quod huiusmodi transump-
to tanta et similis fides adhibeatur sicut principalibus
cartis et evidentiis Cum certificatione quod sive prefate per-
sone interesse habentes sive se habere putantes dictis die
et loco comparuerint sive non prefati nostri consilij domini
huiusmodi cartas et evidentias sic ut premittitur transsumen-
das esse copiandas et transscribendas decernerent etc.

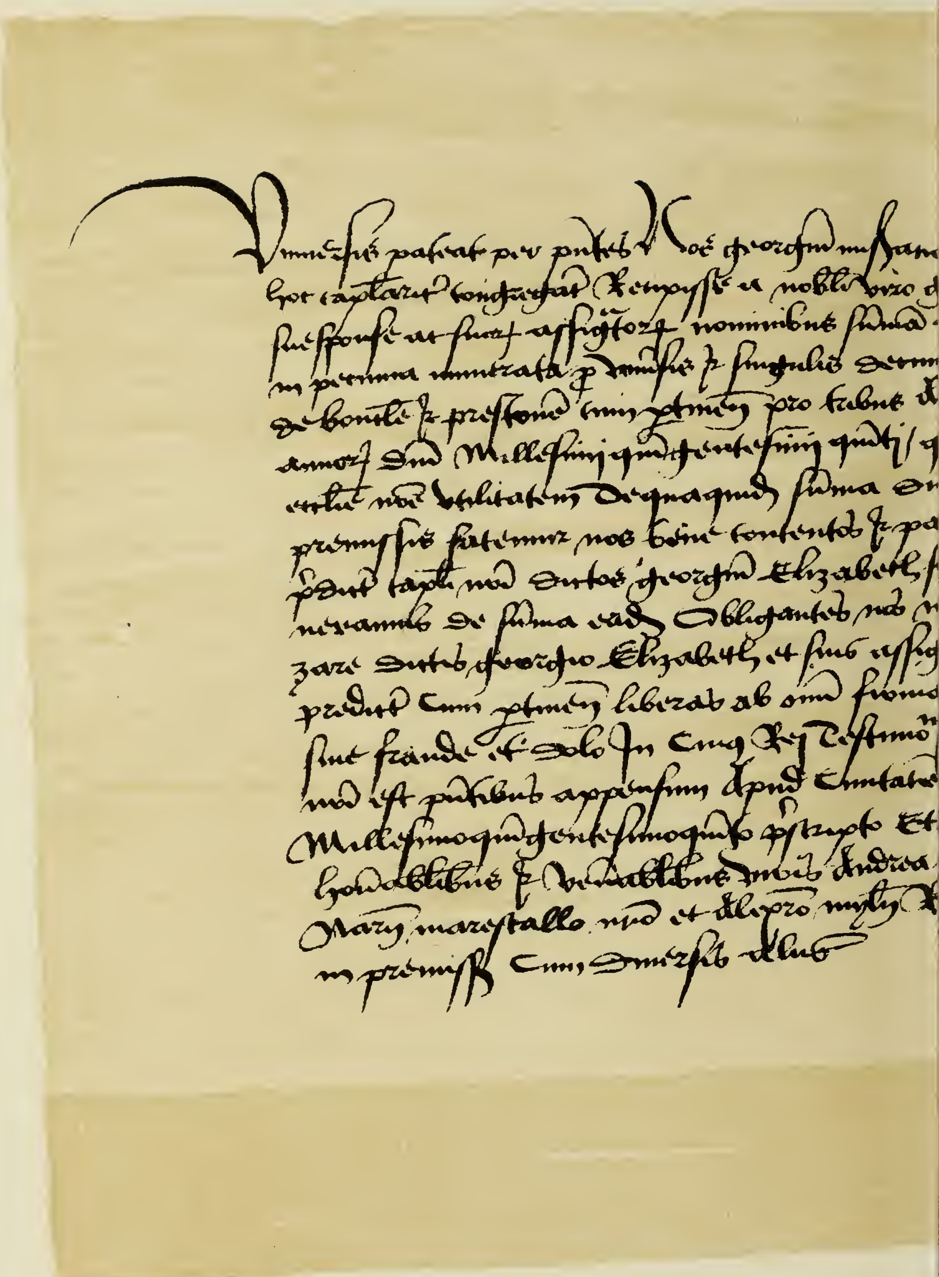

CON FIDO
EXASTI CUM
Fecit Alexander Cambuskynnetheus Abbas,
Qua fortha ambiguis it sinuosus aquis,
Has veteres curie excelsas transcribere cartas,
Sic reparat sancti Jura vetusta loci.
De fuit haud operi noster labor omnia vera
Instrumenta manu sepe notata docent.
M·IACOBI FOULD·REG
I F
NE QUID NIMIS

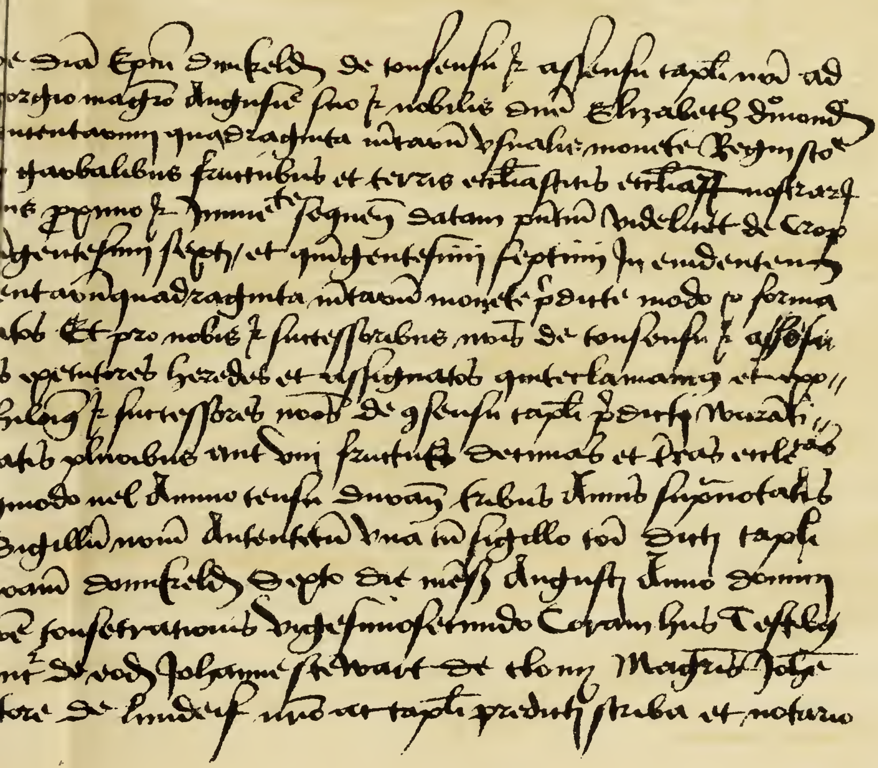
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Vniuersis pateat per presentes quod nos georgius m[illegible]
hoc capitaneus [illegible] [illegible] et nobili viro [illegible]
successoribus et suis assignatis nominibus summa [illegible]
in pecunia numerata pro diversis et singulis terminis [illegible]
de bonis et [illegible] [illegible] pro habitu [illegible]
annorum domini Millesimi quingentesimi [illegible]
[illegible] nostre utilitatem de qua quidem summa [illegible]
premissis fatemur nos bene contentos et paca[illegible]
pro nobis capitulo nostro dictos georgium Elizabeth [illegible]
[illegible] de summa eadem obligantes nos [illegible]
[illegible] dictos georgio Elizabeth et suis assign[illegible]
predictos cum [illegible] liberatos ab omni [illegible]
sine fraude et dolo In cuius Rei testimonium [illegible]
nostrum est presentibus appensum apud Ciuitatem [illegible]
Millesimo quingentesimo [illegible] Etiam [illegible]
honorabilibus et venerabilibus viris Andrea [illegible]
[illegible] marescallo nostro et aliquo multis [illegible]
in premissis cum dictis [illegible]



...ri Dei Epi Dunkelden de consensu et assensu capli nri ad
...orzio magistro Augustine suo et nobili dne Elizabeth Drumond
...ntentacionem quadraginta mercarum usualis monete Regni Scot
... probabilibus fructibus et terris ecclesiasticis [illegible] nostrarum
...rt pprimo et immediate sequentis datam presentium videlicet de Crop
...[illegible] et [illegible] In [illegible]
...entacionem quadraginta mercarum monete predicte modo et forma
...tes Et pro nobis et successoribus nostris de consensu et assensu
...[illegible] heredes et assignatos quietclamamus et [illegible]
...[illegible] et successoribus nostris de consensu capli predicti Renunciat[illegible]
...atis pluralibus [illegible] fructuum decimas et terras eccl[illegible]
...modo vel Animo contra [illegible] [illegible] Animo supranotatis
...Sigillum nostrum Autenticum una cum sigillo coi dicti capli
...ecclesiam Dunkelden decimo [illegible] die mensis Augusti Anno domini
...[illegible] consecracionis nostre [illegible] Coram hiis testibus
...nt de [illegible] Johanne Stewart de [illegible] Magistris Joh[illegible]
...[illegible] de [illegible] uno ex capli predicti scriba et notario

Traist freind efter maist hertlie commendatioun ye sall wit
that the kingis [illegible] hes directit his missive to the lairdis your
father to be heir vpone ye fyftene day of this instant and that
for the [illegible] of my lord of athollis [illegible], and to that effect
the king hes writtin [illegible] to [illegible] at ye said
day. Thairfoir ye sall be at ye tyme at your fatheris hand
to solist him heir wt diligence, for my lord atholle is
[illegible] wt [illegible] of my lord of athollis [illegible] to be heir
at the said day, I doubt nocht bot ye will do thairin as
ye tender the kingis effairis and my lord of mar weill lik
[illegible]. For thair is sindrie gret materis to be intreatit at ye said
day the quhilk gif thay be weill handillit at this tyme it sall
put my lord to the greter rest [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible] bot for al your fatheris [illegible] understand the
king nor my lordis [illegible] at
this tyme. Thus [illegible] committis yow to god.
fra Striveling [illegible] the tent day of [illegible] 1574

your assured

Cambuskenneth.

To his maist [illegible]
friend the Laird
of [illegible] Youngar

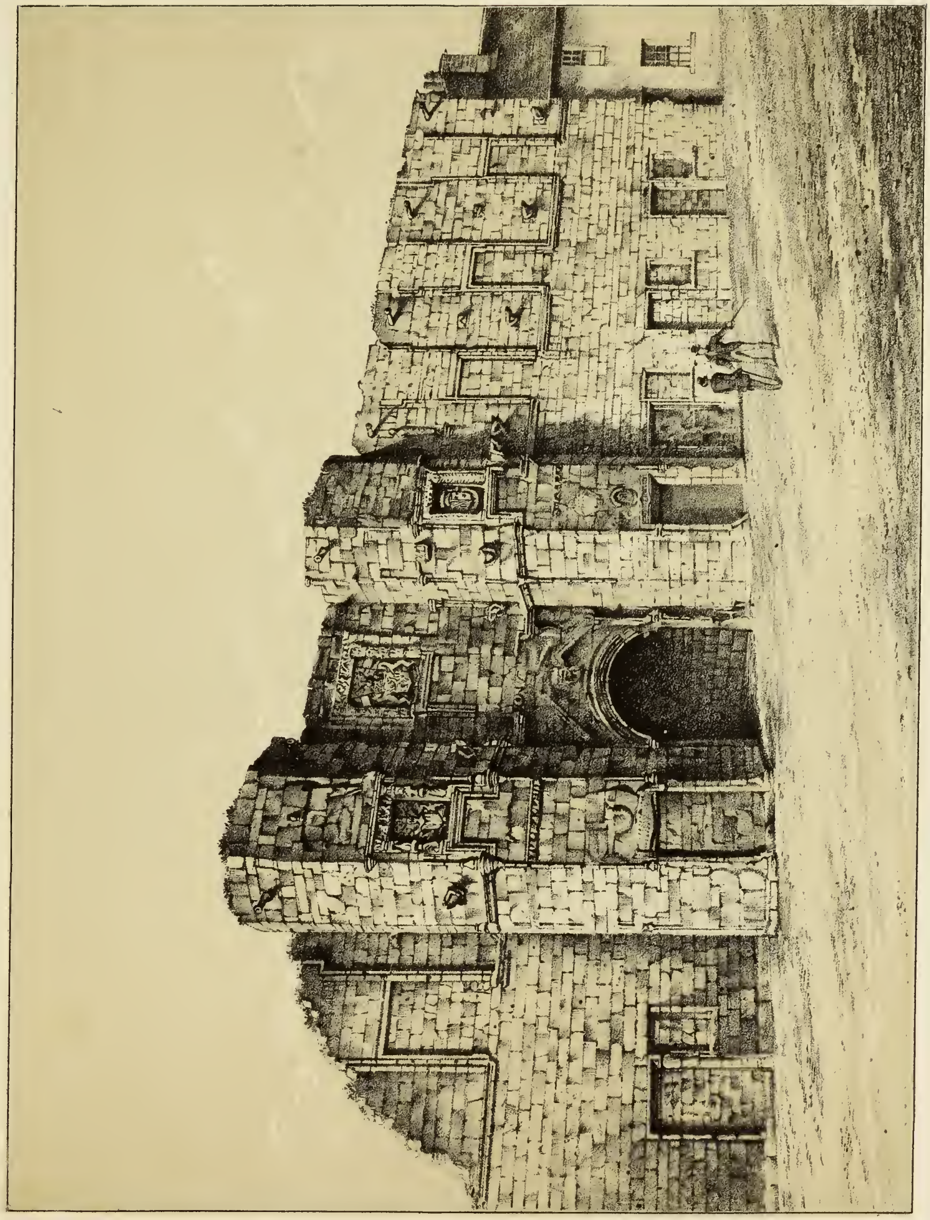
Ihon slaitis your long absence hes maid me sa to lang that i haue nou thocht guid as for readiest remedie of the same ye vrit ane letter to me desiring to cum & uisie me in respect of youre lang absence but ony offence as likwaies ane other to the duik desiring him not to be ane hinderer thairto: the cause quhy ye sall do this the shiray bearar heirof will shaw you mair at large (quhom ye sall credit) but not at lenth for his toung is our schort. fair weill.

youre auld maister
not forgetfull.

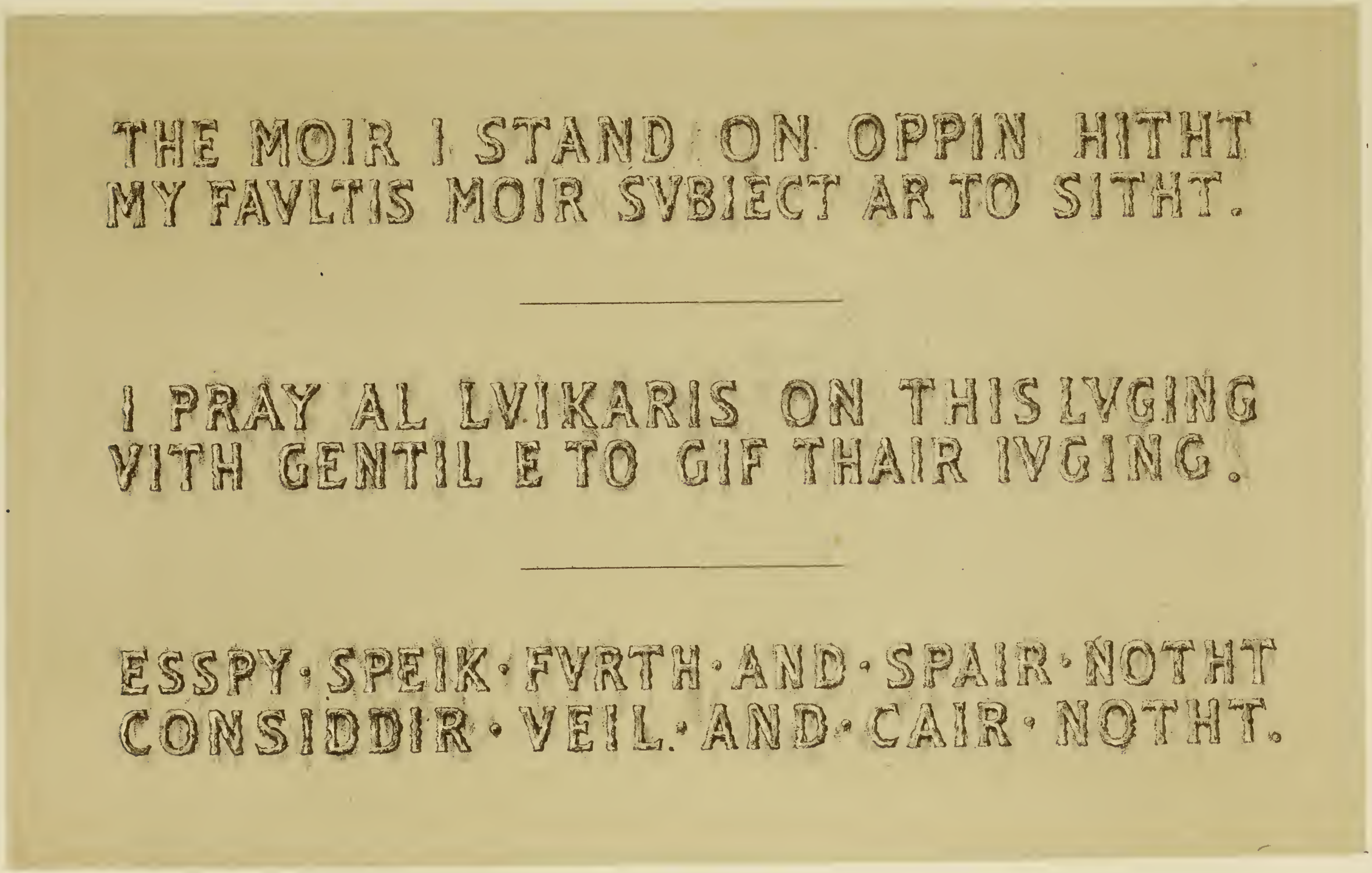
James R.

lady minny this is to schaw you that I haue re=
ceiuit your fruite & thankes you theirfoir &
is readie for mee quhen ye pleis to send them
& sall gif as few by me as I may. & I will
not trouble you farther quhill meting quhilk
sall be as schortlie as I may god willing. and
sa fair ye weill as I do thanks to god.

James R.



MAR'S WARK, STIRLING.



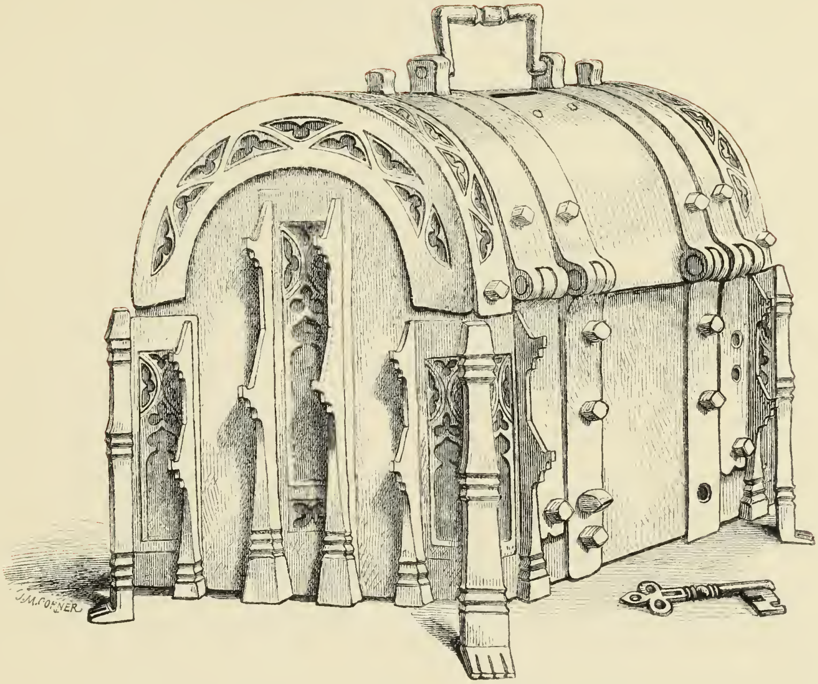
LINES CARVED ABOVE TWO FRONT DOORS AND ONE BACK DOOR
OF MARS WARK.



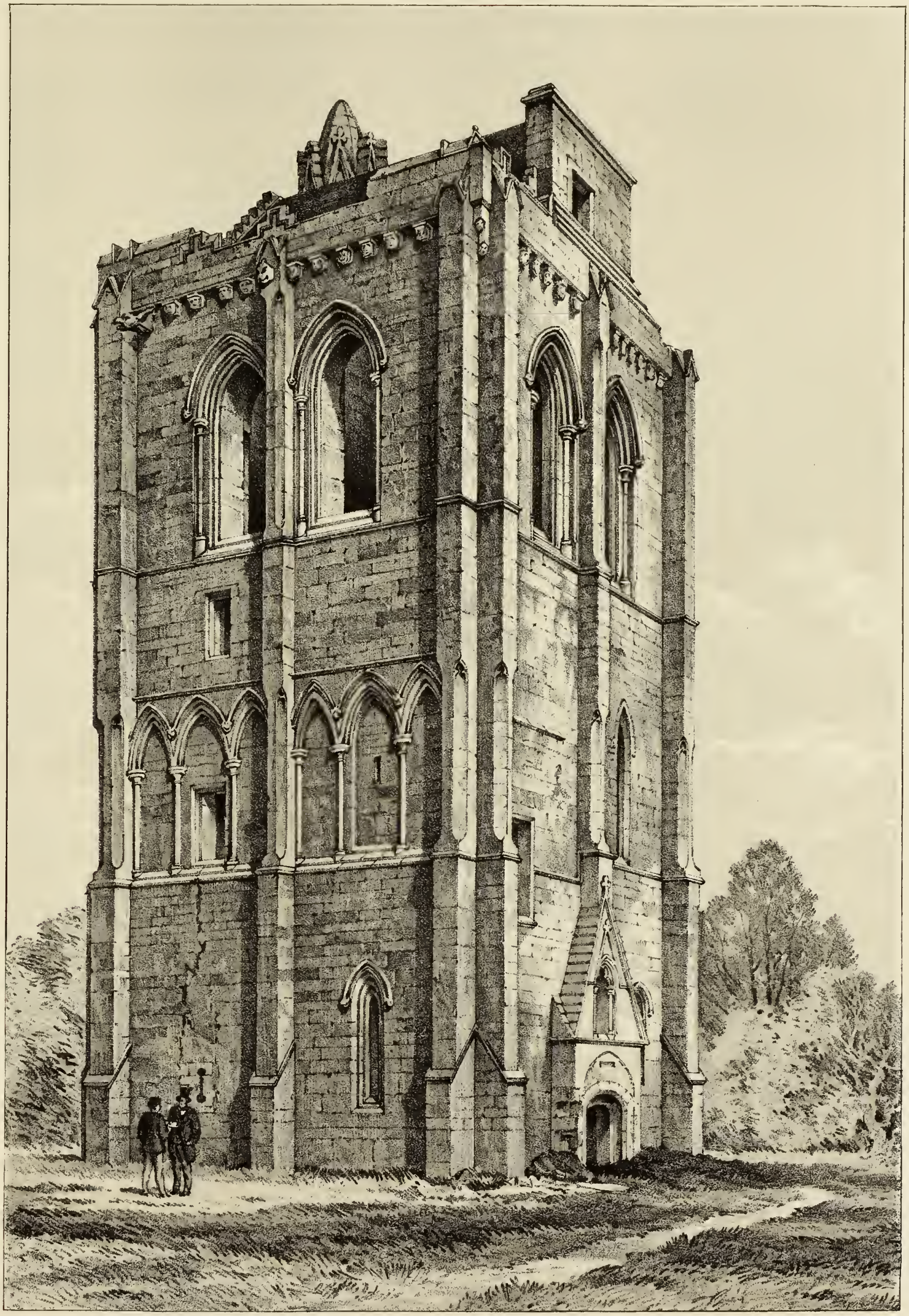
House of Beton's Mill, Bannockburn, in which King James the Third was killed on 11th June 1488.



MONUMENT TO KING JAMES III & HIS QUEEN ERECTED BY QUEEN VICTORIA AT CAMBUSKENNETH.



Coffer or Offertory Box of the Abbey of Cambuskenneth, found in the Ruins.



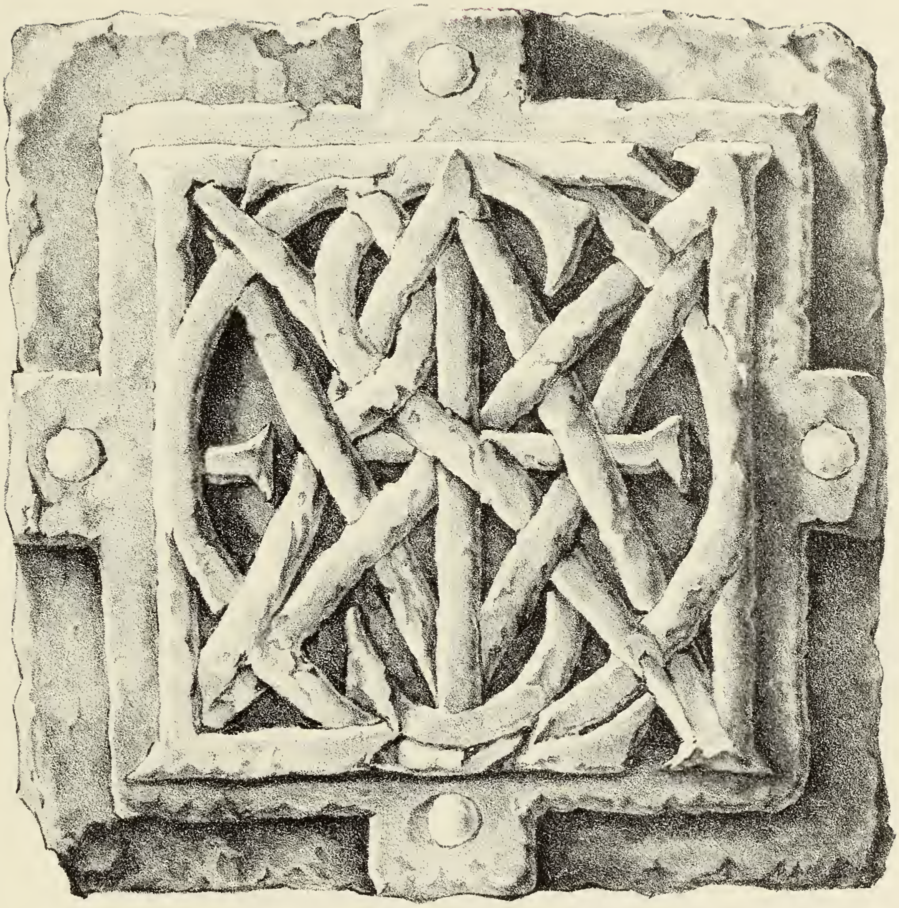
CAMBUSKENNETH TOWER.



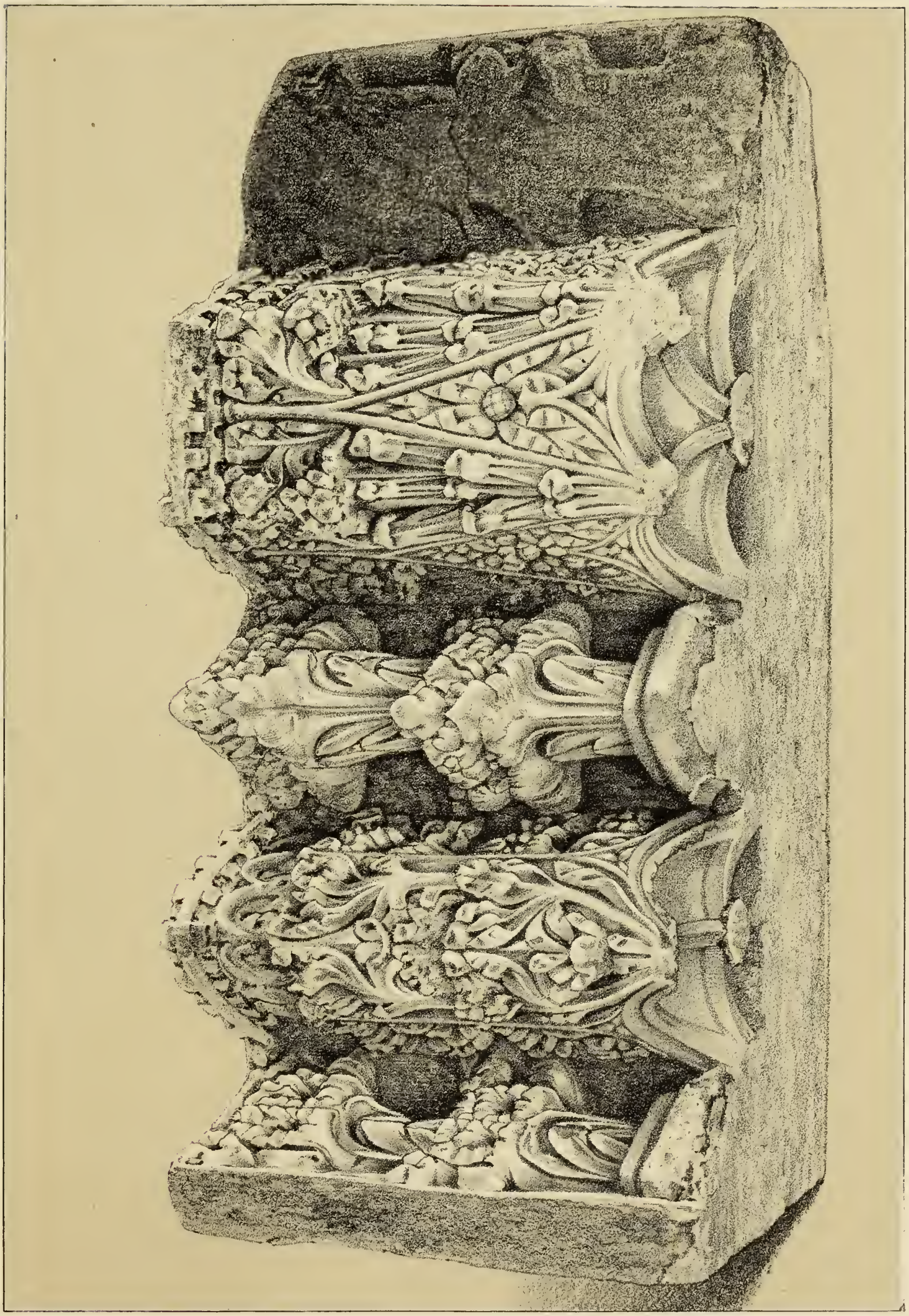
CORBELS & GURGOYLES AT CAMBUSKENNETH.



GROINING OF THE TURRET OF CAMBUSKENNETH TOWER.



MONOGRAM OF CAMBUSKENNETH.



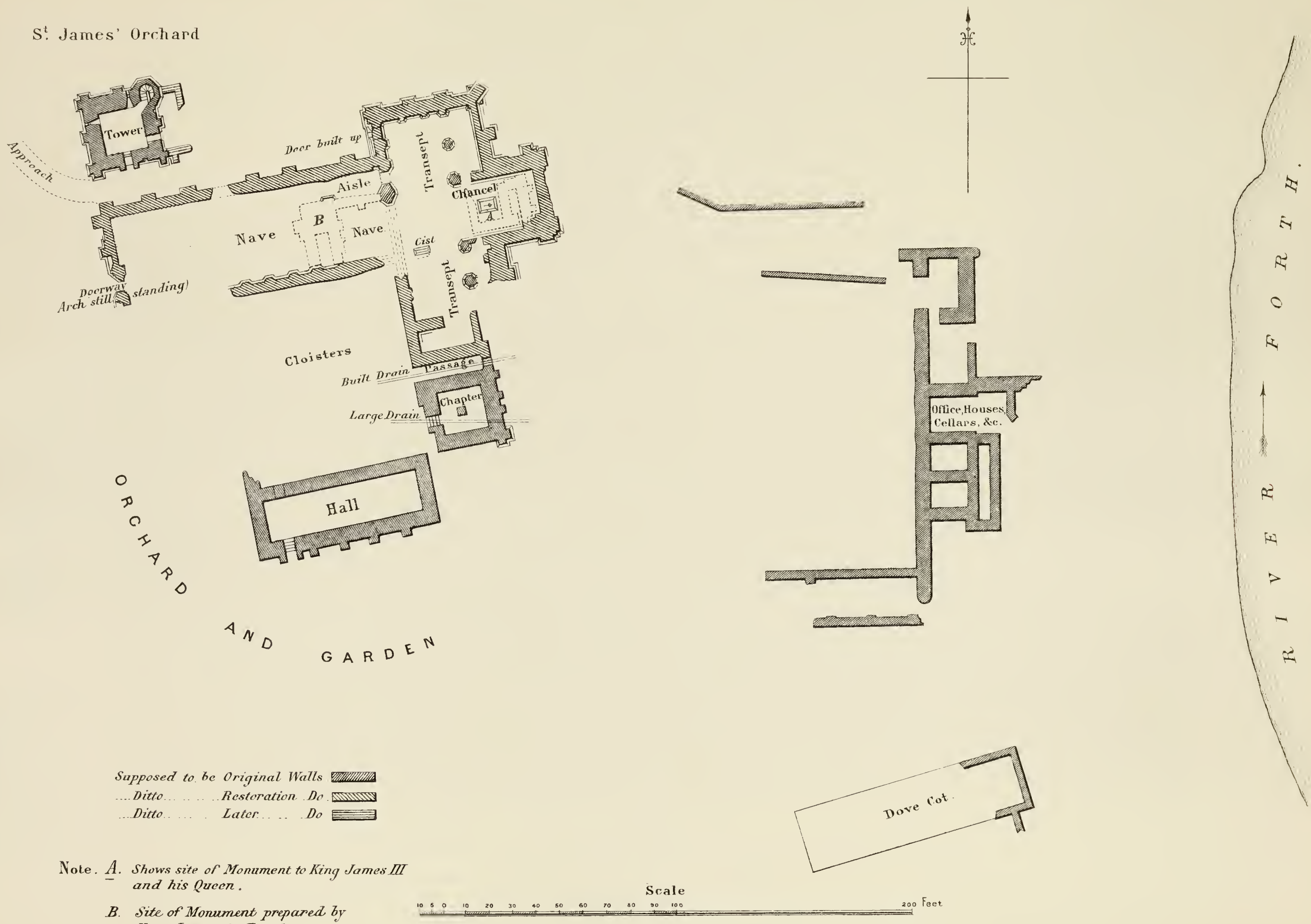
CANOPY OF MURAL PANELINGS: CAMBUSKENNETH ABBEY.



MOULDINGS, &c AT CAMBUSKENNETH.



CARVINGS AT CAMBUSKENNETH & MARS WARK.



PLAN OF THE FOUNDATIONS OF CAMBUSKENNETH ABBEY.



THE RIVER FORTH

FROM CAMBUSKENNETH TOWER.



ILLUMINATED LETTERS IN THE CARTULARY OF CAMBUSKENNETH.

Confirmatio Roberti regis super molendino de Arrnygroske 47

Robertus dei gratia rex Scotorum
omnibus probis hominibus totius terre sue salutem
Sciatis nos concessisse et hac pnti carta nra con
firmasse donationem illam quam Willmus de Fresley
nules dominus de Forvy fecit religiosis viris abbati
et conventui de Cambuskynneth de molendino de Arn
grosk Cum duabus acris terre proximo adiacentibus
molendino predicto Tenendum et habendum eisdem
Religiosis et eorum successoribus Imperpetuum in libera
puram et perpetuam elemosinam Adeo libere et quiete
plenarie et honorifice sicut dicta Willmi carta eisdem re
religiosis confecta plenius iuste proportat et testatur
Salvo servicio nro In cuius rei testimonium pnti car
te nre sigillum nrm precepimus apponi Testibus Ber
nardo abbate de Abirbr cancellario nro Waltero senescallo
Scotie Jacobo de Douglas Roberto de Keith marescallo nro
et Gilberto de Haya constabulario nro Scotie militibus
Apud Glasgw decimo die Junij Anno Regni nostri
decimonono

Donatio terre de harth

Wilelmus dei gratia Rex scotorum
omnibus probis hominibus totius terre sue clericis
et laicis salutem Sciant presentes et futuri me dedisse
et concessisse et hac carta mea confirmasse deo et ecclesie
sancte marie de Strivelyn et canonicis Ibidem deo ser-
vien unum plenarium toftum in burgo meo super harth
Tenend in liberam et puram et perpetuam elemosi-
nam Ita libere et quiete plenarie et honorifice sicut aliq
domus religiosa aliquod toftum in predicto burgo meo su-
per harth liberius et quietius plenius et honorificen-
tius tenet et possidet Testibus. Richardo de prebend
clerico meo Gervasio auenell Johanne de hastings al
expro vic meo de Strivelin Rad de camera Ric filio hug
hermito de kinross Rogero de Wilton Apud Strivelin
vicesimonono die mensis Septembris 24

Buthkenner soluendi preceptum
Robertus dei gracia Rex Scotorum
vicecomiti et balliuis suis de Stermeling
qui pro tempore fuerint salutem man-
damus vobis et precipimus quatenus Religiosis
viris abbati et conventui de Cambuskynneth annu-
atim per solum faciatis decimam firmarum manerii
de Buthkenner et de Athray tam in frumento quam in
denariis per manus firmariorum terrarum
predictarum sicut percipere consueverunt tempore
Regis alexandri predecessoris nostri ultimo defuncti
integraliter et sine diminucione in escambium
decimarum duorum molendinorum de Stermeling que per
antecessores nostros Reges Scotie eis primitus fue-
rant collate et nos ipsas decimas vobis in compotis
vestris faciemus Annis singulis plenius allocari
Teste meipso apud Edinburgh decimo septimo
die septembris Anno Regni nostri Undecimo

Buthkennez septem celdrarum frumenti
Rex preceptum etc.

Jacobus dei gratia Rex Scotorum
vicecomiti nro de Strivelinge salutem qz
per religiosos viros abbatem et conventum
monasterij de Cambuskynneth nros oratores con
cepimus q de firmis terrarum de Buthkennez cer
ta eis annua pen sio videlicet septem celdrarum fru
menti ex nrorum progenitorum concessione debetur
Vobis igitur stricte precipimus et mandamus q
dictarum terrarum incolas ad integram realem
dicte pensionis solutionem debite et Juris ordine co
pescatis sic q salvo Jure cuiuslibet de vra negligen
cia nullam iustam querimoniam habeamus Datum
Apud Edinburgh sub nro secreto sigillo secundo die
mensis septembris Anno Regni nri Decimo nono

Prima carta originalis david regis funda
toris nostri de Cambuskynneth etc

In nomine patris et filii et spiritus
sancti amen ego david dei gratia rex scotorum
assensu henrici filii mei et episcoporum regni mei
Comitumque et baronum confirmatione et testimonio con
cedo ecclesie sancte marie de striuelin et canonicis in
ea regulariter viuentibus ea que subscripta sunt et pa
ce perpetua confirmo hec. Itaque sunt que prefate ecclesie
concedo terram de cambuskynneth et piscaturam
inter eandem terram et pollemase et unum rethe in aqua
terram quoque de colling cum nemore et suis rectis di
uisis terram etiam de dunbodenin que est inter aquam
eiusdem terre et terram de lothin quadraginta quoque
solidos de redditu meo de striuelin et canum unius na
uis et unam salinam et totidem terre quot habet una de
salinis meis et decimam firme de dominiis meis de stri
uelin et oblationes que in predicta ecclesia oblate fuerint
et insulam que est inter pollemase et dunbodenin et
uiginti cudermis de caseis redditus mei de striuelin
eandem quoque libertatem et consuetudinem quam te
neris ecclesie terre mee concessi et confirmaui eidem ecclesie
concedo et confirmo. Volo itaque ut quecumque predicta ecclesia
in presenti possidet uel in futuro possessura est Ita quiete
et libere sicut ego prefatas terras possideo possideant
Salua defensione regni et iusticia regali si prelatus aliquo
impulsu a iusticia exorbitauerit huius confirmationis
testes sunt Comes henricus filius regis Robertus episcopus
santandree Gregorius episcopus Dunkelden herbertus electus
de glasgu G abbas Dunfermel   abbas sancte cru
cis Robertus prior santandree Osbert prior Jeddewrd Ed
wardus cancellarius Comes duncan leod de brethin hugo
de moruill herb camerarius Will de sumeruill Ran de
sules Willelmus de lindes Walterus de Ridale

Concordat cum principali Jacobus foulis

De clacmanan ecclia ex dono david regis
David Rex scotorum Omnibus pro
bis hominibus totius terre sue clericis et
laicis salutem sciatis me concessisse et hac
mea carta confirmasse abbati de strivelinc et canoni
cis ibidem deo servientibus ecclesiam de clacmanan cum
quadraginta acris terre et toftum sacerdotis in eadem
villa et aisiamenta in bosco et plano et decimas omnium
placitorum et lucrorum meorum de strivelinc et de
strivelinc schire et de kalenter et unum toftum in bur
go meo de strivelinc et aliud toftum in linlidcu in perpe
tuam elemosinam Ita libere et quiete ab omni secu
lari servicio ut aliqua elemosina melius et liberius
in regno meo tenetur Test Willmo morauensi epo
et hugone de morevill Waltero filio alani Adam de
rochesburc Nicholao Clerico Waltero cancellario
Johanne capellano Apud strivelinc

Confirmâ rectorie de clacmanâ malcolmi reg
Malcolmus rex scottorum omnibus pbis
hominibus totius terre sue clericis et laicis salu
tem Sciatis me concessisse et hac mea carta co
firmasse abbati de striuelin et canonicis Ibidem deo serui
entibus ecclesiam de clacmanan cum quadraginta acris terre
et toftum sacerdotis in eadem villa et aisiamentum in bosco
et plano et decimas omnium placitorum et lucrorum meorum
de striuelin et de striuelinschire et de kalentyr et unum
toftum in burgo meo de striuelin et aliud toftum in lin
liden in perpetuam elemosinam ut melius et liberius
temporibus aui mei dauid regis habuerunt et tenuerunt
Testibus Willmo epo de morauia Osb abbate de Jeddew Wal
tero cancellario hugone de moreuill nicholao clico waltero
scriptore Apud Eclesthirche ret

Marca Annua redditus de Carel
Willelmus Rex Scotorum episcopis abbati-
bus comitibus baronibus iusticiis ministris
et omnibus probis hominibus totius terre sue
Clericis et laicis salutem Sciant presentes et futuri me
concessisse et hac carta mea confirmasse deo et ecclesie
sancte marie de Cambuskynneth et canonicis ibidem
deo servientibus in liberam et perpetuam elemosinam
unam marcam argenti in burgo de carel de firma ipsius
burgi quam comitissa mater mea eis dedit ad lumi-
nare ipsius ecclesie Tenendam Ita libere et quiete et honori-
fice sicut carta matris mee testatur et confirmatur
Test. W. de Bidun cancellario hugone capellano meo
philippo de Colevill thoma de Muschamp apud Linlidqw

Donatio quatuor acrarum terre in Fortevmet per cartam Willm

Willelmus dei gratia Rex Scotorum episcopis abbatibus comitibus baronibus justiciariis vicecomitibus prepositis ministris et omnibus probis hominibus totius terre sue clericis et laicis salutem Sciant presentes et futuri me dedisse et concessisse et hac carta mea confirmasse Deo et ecclesie sancte marie de Striuelinc et canonicis Ibidem deo servientibus quatuor acras terre in Forthemet ad unum toftum et croftum ad edificia sua facienda Tenendas eis in liberam et perpetuam elemosinam Ita libere et quiete plenarie et honorifice sicut alias elemosinas suas liberius quietius plenius et honorificentius tenent Testibus hugone episcopo sancti andree comite de Dunec justiciario G comite de Strathern Alano dapifero Gervasio Avenell Waltero de Berk camerario Ranulfo de Sol W de Lascelis roberto de Lundr Apud Perth

Donatio terre de Ketlistoun

David Rex Scotorum episcopis abba-
tibus comitibus baronibus et omnibus
hominibus totius terre sue salutem sciatis
me concessisse et dedisse abbati de Striuelin et cano-
nicis ibidem deo servientibus pro salute anime mee
et antecessorum meorum Ketlistoun per suas rectas
divisas in perpetuam elemosinam liberam et quietam
ab omni seculari servicio sicut alias terras tenent
quas de me habent. Teste Waltero cancellario et
Hugone de Morevilla et Dunecano vicecomite de Stri-
uelin et Alfwyno et Petro clerico. Apud Kynross

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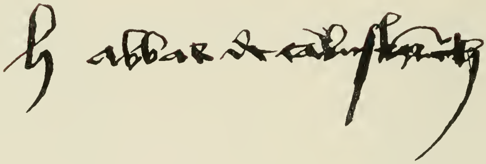


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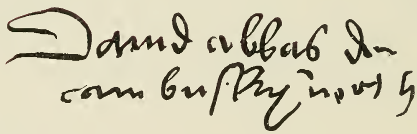


1. Abbot John, 1292.
2. Abbot Patrick, *c.* 1430.
3. Abbot Patrick Pantar, *c.* 1515.
4. Convent Seal, 1562.

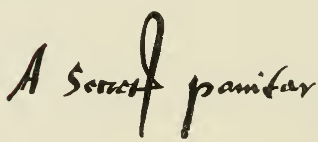
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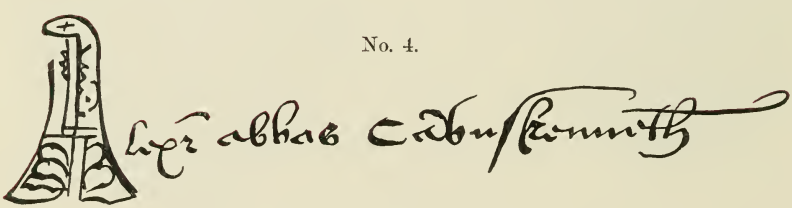
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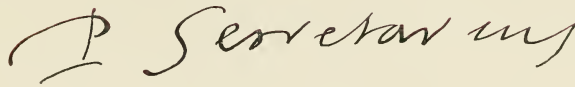


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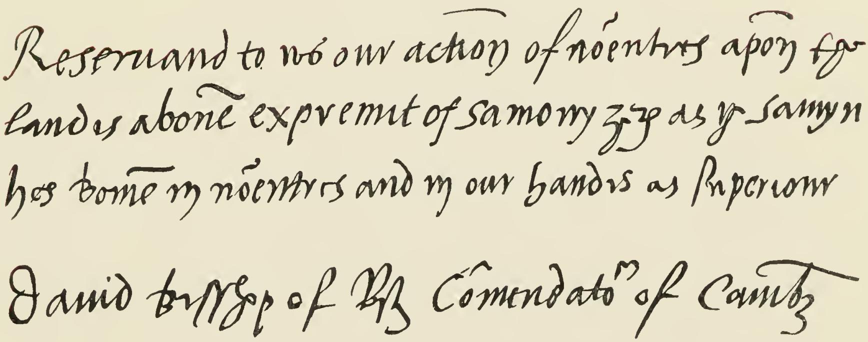


1. Henry Arnot, 1501.
2. David, 1506.
3. Patrick Pantar, 1512.
4. Alexander Mylne, 1524.

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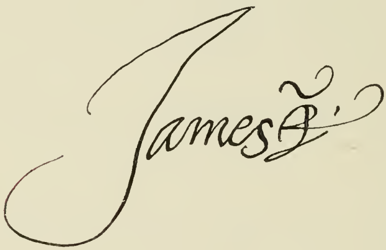


1. David Pantar, Secretary, 1546. 2. David Pantar, 1557. 3. Adam Erskine, 1562.

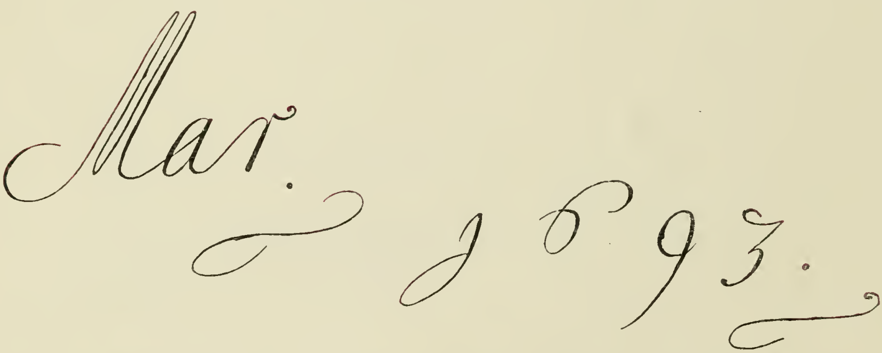
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1. King James IV., 1512. 2. King James VI., 1613. 3. John Earl of Mar, 1693.

THE ABBEY OF CAMBUSKENNETH.[1]

Of the many beautiful and interesting works with which Mr. Fraser has enriched the antiquarian literature of his country this is the last, and by no means the least in typographical splendour and historical importance. The Abbey of St. Mary of Cambuskenneth was one of the greatest of the religious houses of Scotland ; its site, under the shadow of the rock of Stirling, when the wintry sun goes down, brought it and its inmates into immediate connexion with many of the most famous events of our national history ; and its Register, now published for the first time, "is the only one which has been specially authenticated by royal and judicial authority."

The Augustine monks of Cambuskenneth, during the four centuries of their sojourn there, received many grants of lands, teinds, fishings, churches, and patronages from various benefactors, from the time of David I., their founder, down to the days of the Reformation. These were scattered over a wide extent of the midland portion of Scotland, from Alloa to Kilmaronock, and from Kinnoull to Kirkintilloch. The income from these sources was, however, precarious and difficult of collection ; the situation of the abbey likewise exposed it to frequent visitations from the armed spoiler ; and the poverty of the canons and the monks is often alleged as a reason for the pious grants and benefactions which were bestowed upon them, in the charters by which the gifts were conveyed and secured.

Amongst the historical events with which the name of Cambuskenneth is linked is the Papal excommunication pronounced there in 1257 by the Bishop of Dunblane and the Abbots of Jedburgh and Melrose against the Ministers of Alexander III. ; the battle of Stirling, in which Wallace signally defeated the English close to the walls of the abbey in 1297 ; and the subsequent visit of Edward III. in his triumphal march from Dundee in 1303. In the next year, 1304, an important treaty was made between Robert the Bruce, Earl of Carrick, and William, Bishop of St. Andrews ; and in 1314 and 1326 King Robert the Bruce held Parliaments within the precincts of, as Wyntoun has it, "Kamyskynel besyde Strivelinge." In the second of these Parliaments the Act was passed in virtue of which the House of Stuart ascended the throne of Scotland in the person of Robert II., son of Bruce's daughter, Marjory. Robert II. and Robert III. both visited Cambuskenneth, and granted charters there. The death of James II. by

[1] *Registrum Monasterii S. Marie de Cambuskenneth*, A.D. 1147-1535. Edinburgh, 1872. 4to. Edited by William Fraser, and presented by the Marquis of Bute to the Grampian Club.

the bursting of a gun at the siege of Roxburgh in 1460 was foretold to that monarch himself by John Templeman, who, whilst tending "his flock on the Ochil hills," appears to have received a revelation on the subject, the nature of which is not disclosed by the MS. in which it is mentioned, and which ends abruptly with the words quoted above. John Templeman was father of Sir William, superior of the Monastery of Cambuskenneth.

We owe the present Register to the care of Alexander Mylne, Abbot of Cambuskenneth in the reign of James V., who, finding that the memorials of the abbey had suffered much from damp and mildew, "which was destroying not only the seals and writing, but the very parchments themselves," presented a petition to the Lords of the Council, praying that their charters should be transumed and transcribed in the form of a book, and authenticated by the signatures of the Council and Clerk-Register, and by the King's seal. The petition was granted, and the result was a very handsome MS. on vellum, of the illuminated ornaments of which some excellent facsimiles embellish Mr. Fraser's volume. This MS., after the suppression of convents, fell into the hands of several of the Erskines of Mar, as Commendators of the abbey. It belonged to John Earl of Mar, the leader of the Rebellion of 1715, and is now in the Advocates' Library, together with a transcript made in 1738 by Alexander Taitt, a well-known scribe of the eighteenth century, at the expense of Walter MacFarlane of MacFarlane. It is supposed to contain not all the charters of the abbey, but only those which in 1535 were deemed the most important. None of the original documents have been discovered, though careful search has been made. Damp and mildew may have completed the destruction apprehended for them by Abbot Mylne, or they may have perished in 1559, when the greater part of the abbey was pulled down and all its furniture carried off.

The Register of Cambuskenneth, like the records of most landed estates, is mainly a record of acquisitions of property and of quarrels with neighbours. The old French proverb, *Qui terre a, guerre a*, here receives abundant confirmation. It was no doubt pleasant to the abbot and fraternity to receive at various times between 1281 and 1323 various grants of property and patronage from Gilbert, Henry, and William of Freslay, lairds of Fourgy, in consideration of spiritual service done to the donors. One of these gifts, however—the mill of Arringrosk—brought with it a good deal of strife with Sir Andrew Murray of Balvaird, who had married the heiress of the Freslays, and who resisted the multures imposed upon him and his vassals, and set up an opposition mill strife, which was appeased by compromise.

With Robert Sinclair, Bishop of Dunkeld, the abbey had a quarrel so serious, that the Abbot obtained against that prelate, from the Bishop of St. Andrews, a sentence of excommunication, which was publicly read during the celebration of mass in the church of Tullylum—a conventual church of Carmelite Friars in the Bishop's own diocese. This proceeding took place in 1393, and sounds very wonderful and dreadful to modern ears. It does not, however, appear to have entailed any very fatal consequences, or, at least, these were not laid to heart by the immediate successor of the prelate. For only two years later, in 1395, notwithstanding the thunders of Tullylum, we find the next Bishop of Dunkeld, Robert Cardny, serving the abbey a shrewd trick, by coming down with a great train on a visitation to Lecropt and Alva, churches belonging to Cambuskenneth, living at the expense of the Abbot and brethren, and subsequently sequestrating to his own use the whole fruits of these churches. In 1306 the bell tower of the abbey was destroyed by lightning, and "certain sons of iniquity" invaded its precincts and carried off the chalices, books, and ornaments of the altar—misfortunes which so reduced the circumstances of the brotherhood that they were unable to repair their choir, which was going to ruin. It was therefore with very opportune beneficence that Pope Clement V. stepped in and conferred on them the perpetual vicarage of Clackmannan, value ten merks yearly, on condition of their providing for the performance of divine worship by a qualified chaplain. David Bruce of Clackmannan proved himself a kindly and convenient neighbour, by "renouncing, restoring, and resigning" in favour of the abbey and its canons regular, the teinds of his mills, which of right belonged to them, but which had been for some years unjustly withheld by some of his predecessors. Another David Bruce, he of Kennet, was less neighbourly and candid, for he required to be reminded in 1510 to "satisfy for his coal-teind in future, under pain of excommunication." This threat was actually carried out in the case of John Lord Fleming, Great Chamberlain of Scotland, who had refused to appear to answer certain complaints made against him by the abbey. Letters of excommunication were obtained from Glasgow in March 1522, and directed to Sir John Reid, curate of Lenzie, who received and read them, but refused to put them in execution; and the messenger was also beaten by one Thomas Fleming, who seized and carried off the letters. The year following, Lord Fleming was still at war with the abbey about teind-sheaves; and the dispute which began before 1507 remained unsettled until it was compromised in 1527 by his son. Fishings were also then as now subjects of frequent litigation and heartburning; and in the list of burgesses of Stirling who were compelled by a decree of David II. in Council at Scone in 1365 to restore the abbey cruives, which they had attacked and broken

down, will be found many names still well known there, and which have probably descended to their present peaceable and prosperous owners from those who aided and abetted Hugo Urry, Robert Raa, and others, in that outrage.

Mr. Fraser's account of the twenty-eight Abbots of Cambuskenneth and the five lay Commendators will be found very interesting. Of some nothing but their names or seals have survived. Some distinguished themselves by obtaining grants and gifts for the abbey during their lives; others by working miracles for it after death. William of Blackburn, 1389-1400, signalized his reign by obtaining the excommunication of the Bishop of Dunkeld, and by vanquishing other foes, such as William of Fentoune, who was ordered by arbiters duly appointed to restore to the Abbot's men the cows and oxen which he had taken from them; and Robert of Dunbarney, who, for "speaking dispituisly" of the Abbot and his court, had to come to the Abbey at Ladyday, "hoodless, hoseless, hatless, shoeless, beltless, and knifeless, during the celebration of high mass, with a wax candle of two pounds weight in his hand, and there, in presence of the people, upon his knees, to ask forgiveness from the Abbot and canons." Patrick, the seventeenth Abbot, obtained from Pope Benedict XIII. a bull conferring upon him and his successors the right of using the mitre, seal-ring, and other pontifical insignia. Henry Arnot was a leading member of the Parliaments of James III. and IV., ambassador to England, and Lord Treasurer of Scotland. Patrick and David Pantar were also engaged in the highest affairs of the time. Alexander Mylne, to whom we owe this Register, was the most eminent of the whole. He sent his novices to Paris for literary culture, and rebuilt a considerable portion of the abbey, and was first President of the Court of Session. For the acts of all these worthies, and the might that they showed, from the shadowy Abbot William, 1147-1164, to Sir John Erskine of Alva, who sold Cambuskenneth in 1709 to Cowan's Hospital in Stirling, we must refer our readers to the clear and pleasant narrative which forms part of Mr. Fraser's Introduction.

It rarely falls to the lot of a critic to pass judgment on a work in all ways so worthy of praise as this "Register of St. Mary of Cambuskenneth," in which the munificence of the Marquis of Bute has been worthily associated with the editorial skill of Mr. Fraser, and the beautiful typography of Messrs. Constable.

Editorial Notice.—We call the attention of our readers to a notice of the "Register of Cambuskenneth," the most recent addition to the bookshelves of the Grampian Club. The notice is interesting, partly as being that of a work of antiquarian interest, the perusal of which, in consequence of the limited number of copies, will be a privilege enjoyed by but few of our readers—partly because it proceeds from the pen of one of the most brilliant members of the literary and artistic world.—[*From the Edinburgh Courant of June* 10, 1872.]


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